

MARVEL

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PREDATOR

*THE
FINAL
HUNT
BEGINS!*



PARENTAL
ADVISORY

TUSKET.
THE TURNSTONE.
ASTAR INDUSTRIES
RECON SHIP.



PAOLO,
WE'VE LOCATED THE
SANDPIPER.

CAPTAIN FERRIER
HAS REQUESTED THAT
YOU EXAMINE THE SHIP
LOGS. HE WANTS TO KNOW
HOW MUCH OF THE RESEARCH
FROM THE ORIGINAL CREW
IS STILL INTACT.

IS THAT A...
PREDATOR?

I DON'T KNOW.
WHATEVER IT IS,
IT'S ONE UGLY
SON OF A
BITCH.

THE
GIRL WE
TOOK
IN...

"...HAS BEEN
HUNTING THOSE
THINGS FOR
YEARS."

NFFF...

NO.

NO.
NO.
NO.

THIS CAN'T BE
HAPPENING.

NOT NOW. I'M
TOO CLOSE.
I CAN'T--

THE
THIEF
STIRS!



WHO
THE HELL
ARE--?

I'M
CAPTAIN
FERRIER. YOU'RE
ABOARD MY
SHIP.



YOU CAN'T
DO THIS TO ME...
YOU NEED TO LET
ME GO. I'M--

WHO ARE
YOU...



...AND HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN
POSSESSION OF THE SANDPIPER?



WHAT? LOOK...NONE OF
THAT **MATTERS**. YOU--
YOU HAVE NO AUTHORITY
OVER ME. YOU NEED
TO LET ME GO.

DID YOU KILL
THEM? THE
CREW OF THE
SANDPIPER?



WHAT?
NO. I--
NO.

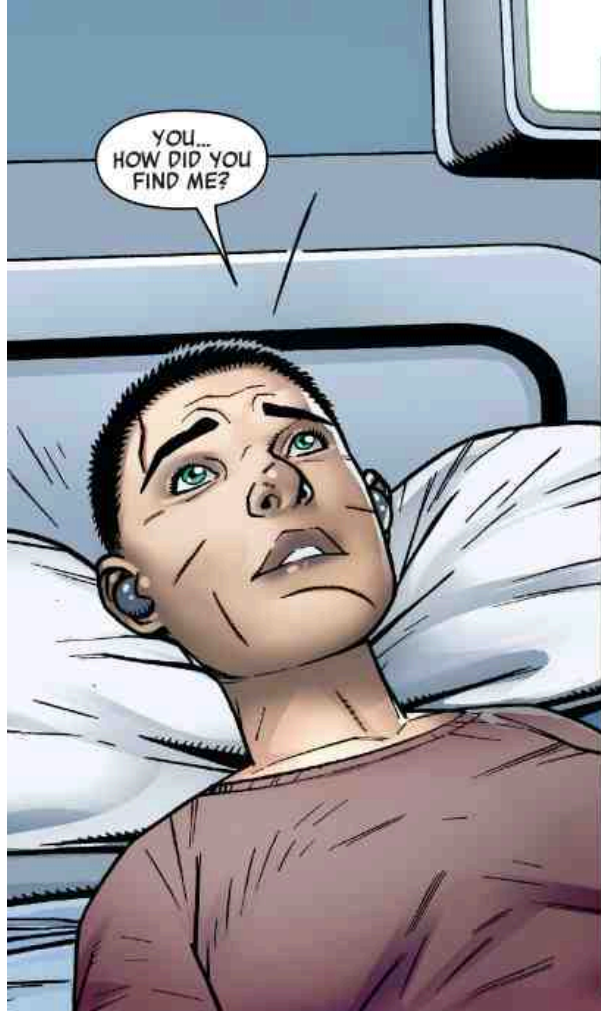
WE LOST
CONTACT WITH
THEM IN 2041,
WHEN THEY WERE
STATIONED ON
DAMARA.

WE RECEIVED
A DISTRESS SIGNAL,
THEN **NOTHING**. BY THE
TIME A RESCUE CREW
ARRIVED, THE SHIP WAS
GONE. ONLY CORPSES
REMAINED.



AND NOW,
FIFTEEN YEARS
LATER, WE FIND THE
SANDPIPER IN YOUR
POSSESSION.

I WANT
TO KNOW HOW
THAT CAME
TO BE.



YOU...
HOW DID YOU
FIND ME?



YOU STOLE A
HOVERBIKE FROM
OUR SHIPYARD.

ALL ASTAR VEHICLES
ARE EQUIPPED WITH
**TRACKING
DEVICES.**

LUCKY
FOR YOU TOO.
OTHERWISE, THAT
THING WOULD
HAVE KILLED
YOU.

HELL, **WE**
ALMOST KILLED
YOU. WAY YOU WERE
DRESSED, THOUGHT
YOU WERE ONE
OF THEM.

TRACKER.
SO STUPID...



WE'VE GOT
PEOPLE
SCOURING THE
SANDPIPER
LOGS.

IT'S ONLY A
MATTER OF TIME
BEFORE WE FIND
OUT WHAT YOU
DID TO THE
CREW.



AND I'M SURE THAT THERE
WILL BE MORE QUESTIONS
AT THAT TIME.

BUT
SEEING AS
YOU'RE AWAKE
AND FEELING
BETTER...



...TAKE
HER TO CELL
C-8.

YES,
SIR, CAPTAIN
FERRIER.

PREDATOR

1987: In Central America, an elite mercenary team is stalked by a Predator, hunting them for sport. Only one member of the team survives and manages to kill the Predator.

1997: A Predator comes to Los Angeles to hunt gang members involved in a drug war with the police. Though many were slaughtered, one policeman was able to kill the Predator.

2010: Eight individuals are abducted from Earth and dropped on an unknown planet where they are hunted by three Predators. They come to learn they are being hunted for sport and that the planet is a game reserve.

2018: A Predator crash-lands in America and is apprehended by Project Stargazer for study. It escapes but is killed by another Predator. A group of military criminals is able to defeat and kill the Predator, but only a small number survive.

The year is now **2056**. Humanity is capable of interstellar travel. A group of Astar Industry scientists researching a remote planet for potential human colonization was killed by a Predator. A young girl named Theta was spared. Now grown up, she hunts the Predators, searching for the one that took her family from her.

Her journey has led her to the frozen planet of Tusket, where she scavenged for supplies at a local Astar outpost. But two Predator ships tracked her location and attacked. Just as she was about to be killed, a crew of Astar employees saved her. Now they've taken Theta in for questioning...

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SANDPIPER,
SHOW ME SHIP LOGS
FROM DECEMBER 20,
2041.

AUTHORIZATION
CODE REQUIRED.

SENIOR
SCIENCE OFFICER
PAOLO SILVA. CLEARANCE
LEVEL 7. CODE
902989.

AUTHORIZATION
CODE NOT
RECOGNIZED.

OF
COURSE.



NO WONDER WE HADN'T BEEN
ABLE TO TRACK THIS SHIP.

SHE'D TAKEN
IT COMPLETELY
OFFLINE.



SANDPIPER,
INITIATE ONLINE
ASTAR SYSTEM BIOS
UPDATE, VERSION
6.245B.

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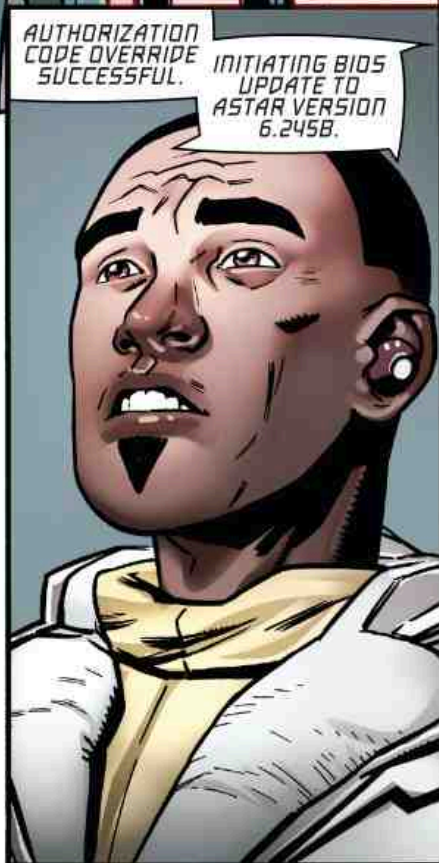
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OVERRIDE
AUTHORIZATION
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ASTARNET
LINKING...

LINKING....



AUTHORIZATION
CODE OVERRIDE
SUCCESSFUL.

INITIATING BIOS
UPDATE TO
ASTAR VERSION
6.245B.



EASY-
PEASY.



ALL RIGHT.
NOW LET'S SEE
WHAT **SECRETS**
YOU'RE HIDING
FROM US.



BERWICK
FRANCESCO

BERWICK
HUGO RABAL

BERWICK
THEA NEDRA



HUGO RABAL

BER
THEA

OH...



THIS IS
PAOLO SILVA
TO CAPTAIN
FERRIER.

FERRIER
HERE. GO
AHEAD.



I'VE GOT
INFO ON OUR
PRISONER THAT
YOU'RE GOING
TO WANT TO
SEE.







THE SPACE EXPLORATORY MARKET IS **VERY** CROWDED. EVERYONE'S RACING TO FIND THE NEXT HABITABLE PLANET, SEARCHING FOR MINERALS AND MINING OPPORTUNITIES.

AND **RIGHT NOW**, ASTAR COULD USE EVERY ADVANTAGE, EVERY LAST SHRED OF RESEARCH, TO KEEP THEMSELVES FROM BEING SWALLOWED UP BY LARGER, MORE PREDATORY CORPORATIONS WHO'RE CONSTANTLY NIPPING AT OUR HEELS.



THEY **NEED** THE RECORDS AND SAMPLES COLLECTED BY THE SANDPIPER.



TAKE THE RECORDS. EVERYTHING MY PARENTS AND THE REST OF THE CREW FOUND. IT'S **YOURS**. I DON'T CARE.

BUT I **NEED** THE SHIP. I HAVE MY OWN RESEARCH ON BOARD, AND THAT BELONGS TO **ME**, NOT ASTAR OR ANYONE ELSE.



ASTAR OWNS **EVERYTHING** ABOARD THAT SHIP.

ANY RESEARCH CONDUCTED USING ASTAR EQUIPMENT **BELONGS** TO ASTAR.

IT'S PART OF THE CONTRACT THAT YOUR PARENTS SIGNED BEFORE YOU WERE BORN.

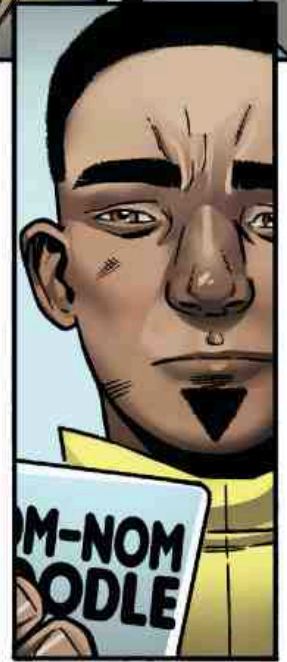


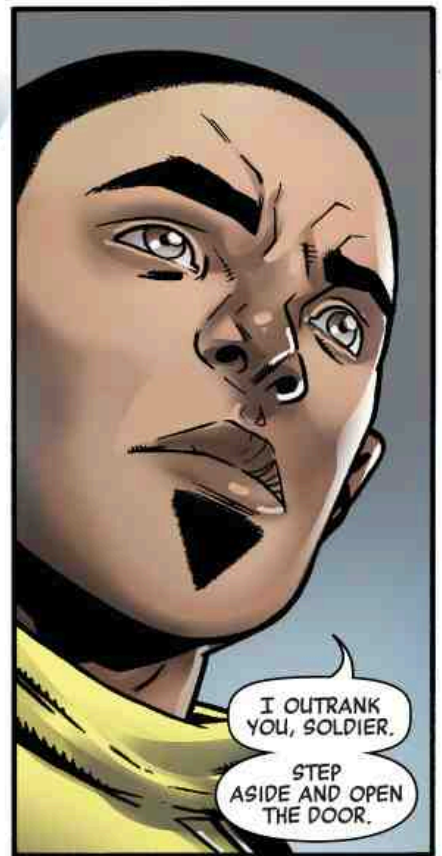
THAT RESEARCH NOW INCLUDES **YOU**.

YOUR INSIGHT INTO WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CREW AND HOW YOU'VE **SURVIVED** THESE LAST FIFTEEN YEARS...

IN EXCHANGE FOR THAT KNOWLEDGE, ASTAR AGREES NOT TO PURSUE CHARGES AGAINST YOU FOR STEALING COMPANY PROPERTY.











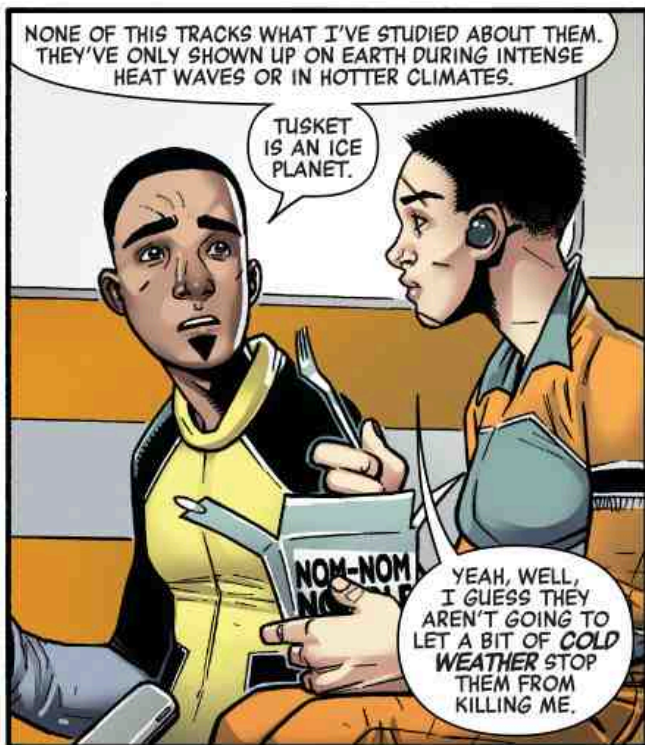
IF YOU'VE READ ABOUT THEM, THEN YOU KNOW HOW **DANGEROUS** THEY ARE.

MORE ARE ON THE WAY. THEY KNOW I'M HERE AND THEY WON'T STOP UNTIL I'M DEAD.



WHY ARE THEY AFTER YOU?

YOU SAW MY SHIP. YOU **KNOW** WHY.



NONE OF THIS TRACKS WHAT I'VE STUDIED ABOUT THEM. THEY'VE ONLY SHOWN UP ON EARTH DURING INTENSE HEAT WAVES OR IN HOTTER CLIMATES.

TUSKET IS AN ICE PLANET.

YEAH, WELL, I GUESS THEY AREN'T GOING TO LET A BIT OF **COLD** WEATHER STOP THEM FROM KILLING ME.



I'VE BEEN **HUNTING** THEM, TRYING TO FIND THE ONE WHO KILLED MY PARENTS.



AND NOW THEY'VE FOLLOWED ME HERE. I'VE ALREADY TAKEN DOWN TWO, PLUS THE ONE WHO...THE ONE YOUR CREW SAVED ME FROM.

MORE ARE ON THEIR WAY, I'M **SURE** OF IT.



YOU NEED TO LET ME BACK ON MY SHIP. I NEED TO **PREPARE**.

I CAN'T. ASTAR HAS ORDERED US TO BRING YOU--







SECURITY
BREACH.

PRISONER
HAS ESCAPED
FROM CELL C-8. SHE
IS ARMED AND HAS
A HOSTAGE.

ALL MILITARY
PERSONNEL RESPOND
IMMEDIATELY.

HE WAS RIGHT. THERE'S NO WAY YOU
CAN GET OUT OF HERE. THE SHIP
IS TOO BIG.

...AND I'LL BLAST A HOLE
THROUGH THE BACK OF
YOUR HEAD.



LET ME
WORRY ABOUT
THAT...

...YOU JUST
GET ME BACK TO THE
SANDPIPER.

BUT I SWEAR
TO GOD, YOU TRY
ANYTHING ON THE
WAY...



FUNNY...



...I WAS
ABOUT TO SAY
THE SAME
THING.

ASTAR
WANTS YOU
ALIVE.

BUT, IF I
HAVE TO, I WILL
GUN YOU DOWN
WHERE YOU STAND
TO PROTECT MY
CREW.

CAPTAIN
FERRIER, PLEASE
COME IN.

NOT RIGHT NOW,
SOLDIER. I AM
DEALING WITH
AN--

YOU
JUST CUT OUT,
SOLDIER.

WE HAVE A
CODE--

KRRST--

WE'VE GOT
A BREACH!

WE
NEED BACKUP
IMMEDIATE--

SHRA--
KRRZT

PRIVATE?
PRIVATE?!

I TOLD
YOU THEY WOULD
COME.

YOU DIDN'T
LISTEN...

"...AND NOW
IT'S TOO LATE."



TO BE CONCLUDED!

NEXT

Theta and the Astar team are under attack by a Predator! But is this the one Theta has been searching for all her life? Don't miss what happens as Theta comes face-to-face with what could be her final battle!

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